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## US-USSR EXCHANGES

The United States and the Soviet Union signed a new agreement for cultural exchanges on November 21, 1959. It covers the years 1960 and 1961. The following provision of interest to scholars in the humanities and social sciences is included as Section II (4):

"Both parties are in favor of having the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. and the American Council of Learned Societies come to an agreement on exchanges, on a reciprocal basis, of scholars in the social sciences and the humanities, such as historians, economists, philosophers, specialists in literature and linguistics.

"Both parties are in favor of having the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. and the American Council of Learned Societies provide for participation, on a reciprocal basis, by scholars of both countries in joint seminars and symposia and consider joint research projects."

Following the signing of the agreement a letter proposing an arrangement between the ACLS and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR was sent from the ACLS executive office to the President of the Soviet Academy. The proposal is similar in terms to the agreement now in effect for the exchange of scientists and provides for (a) visits for conducting research over periods from three months to a year, (b) shorter stays by scholars who will learn about research in progress in their fields and (c) exchanges of lecturers. The President of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR has acknowledged receipt of the proposal with approval in principle of an agreement for scholars in the humanities and social sciences similar to that which has been arranged for natural scientists. A more definite statement from the Soviet Academy is now awaited.

Meanwhile, the Ford Foundation has granted \$100,000 and the Rockefeller Foundation \$40,000 toward expenses of the U. S. scholars who may participate in the exchange program.

The 70-odd scholars who wrote to the ACLS about their interest in carrying on research in the USSR, in response to an announcement in the May 1959 *Newsletter*, are being kept informed of developments and OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ARE INVITED TO WRITE. However, it is clear now that the number of scholars who can be provided with financial assistance in this exchange program will not be large, and it is unlikely that the program will be in effect earlier than the fall of 1960.

The Cultural Exchange Agreement also provides for university - to - university exchanges to take place between the following institutions: Moscow and Columbia Universities, Leningrad and Harvard, Kiev and Yale, Indiana and Tashkent.

The State Department encourages *ad hoc* exchanges and those who wish to propose special arrangements may communicate with the East-West Contacts Staff, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C.

## RESEARCH AND STUDIES IN URALIC AND ALTAIC LANGUAGES

In June 1959 the ACLS contracted with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for research and the preparation of teaching materials in Uralic and Altaic languages. The first progress report for this project was presented as of December 1, 1959. Professor John Lotz, Director of Research, listed the following projects in process:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Principal Investigator</i>
Structure of Kalmyk .....	John C. Street (employed as a research associate for the Uralic-Altaic program)
Buryat Manual .....	Nicholas N. Poppe Far Eastern and Russian Institute University of Washington
Korean Literary Reader .....	Doo Soo Suh Far Eastern and Russian Institute University of Washington
Chuvash Manual .....	John Krueger Reed College
Basic Course in Azerbaijani .....	Fred Householder Indiana University
Eastern Cheremis Reader with Glossary ..	Thomas A. Sebeok Indiana University
Introduction to Estonian .....	Alo Raun Indiana University
Basic Course in Estonian .....	Felix Oinas Indiana University
Guide to Hungarian Studies .....	Elemer Bako Slavic and Central European Division Library of Congress
Central Asiatic Handbook, Part I .....	Lawrence Krader The American University
Finnish Reader .....	Robert Austerlitz Columbia University
Turkic Peoples of Iran .....	Pierre Oberling Near and Middle East Institute Columbia University
Hungarian Literary Reader .....	John Lotz Columbia University

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Hungarian Structural Sketch -----	John Lotz Columbia University
Basic Course in Korean -----	Mrs. Elinor C. Horne in collaboration with Samuel E. Martin Yale University
Korean Reference Grammar -----	Samuel E. Martin Department of Indic and Far Eastern Languages Yale University
Textbook of Written Korean -----	Edward W. Wagner Department of Far Eastern Languages Harvard University
Estonian-English Dictionary -----	Paul F. Saagpakk Upsala College
Kirghiz Manual -----	Udo Posch Far Eastern and Russian Institute University of Washington
Mongolian-English Dictionary -----	Ferdinand Lessing University of California and John Hangin (employed as research associate for the Uralic-Altaic program)
Kalmyk Manual -----	Arash Bormanshinov Rutgers University

## NEWS OF JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

### *Joint Committee on Slavic Studies*

William B. Edgerton (chairman), Robert F. Byrnes (secretary), John A. Armstrong, Abram Bergson, Cyril E. Black, Deming Brown, Chauncy D. Harris, Charles Jelavich, Henry L. Roberts, Marshall Shulman, Donald Treadgold, Sergius Yakobson; *staff*, Gordon Turner, ACLS.

Administrative responsibility for this joint committee and for its publication, the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press*, has been transferred from the SSRC to the ACLS.

The ACLS Board of Directors has accepted with thanks two grants in support of the *Current Digest*, one, in the amount of \$125,000, from the Ford Foundation, for use over a five-year period, and a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation of \$25,000 for a one-year period.

*Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East*

T. Cuyler Young (chairman), Hamilton A. R. Gibb, Majid Khadduri, Dankwart A. Rustow, William D. Schorger, Wilfred C. Smith, G. E. von Grunebaum; *staff*, Joseph B. Casagrande, SSRC.

This committee, formerly an independent enterprise of the Social Science Research Council, held its first meeting as a joint committee of the two Councils on October 16, 1959. It remains in the administrative charge of the SSRC.

Grant opportunities for humanists will be a part of the future program of the Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East.

*Joint Committee on Contemporary China*

George E. Taylor (chairman), John M. H. Lindbeck (secretary), Alexander Eckstein, John K. Fairbank, Walter Galenson, Norton S. Ginsburg, A. M. Halpern, Philip E. Mosely, C. Martin Wilbur, Hellmut Wilhelm; *staff*, Bryce Wood, SSRC.

(*Editor's note:* The following statement about the Committee is quoted from *ITEMS*, a publication of the Social Science Research Council. The SSRC has administrative responsibility for this Committee.)

This new joint committee was appointed in September and held its first meeting on November 1-2, 1959. In exploratory discussions of problems of research on contemporary China, the committee gave particular attention to the availability of source materials and to ways and means of making them more accessible to scholars. The volume of official documents and newspaper and periodical literature of interest to scholars that is coming out of China is very large, and making these materials accessible for research purposes will involve the use of various techniques of indexing or digesting. This subject will be considered further by the committee at its next meeting, to be held early in the spring of 1960.

Several members of the committee have undertaken to prepare informal reports on the state of knowledge in their respective fields, the nature of research in progress, and the principal research needs as seen by their colleagues in the social sciences. The committee hopes that these reports will yield an overview of current research developments and also suggestions of ways in which it might be able to advance research on contemporary China.

## PUBLIC LAW 480—THE DINGELL AMENDMENT

Following the report of the progress on the implementation of the Dingell Amendment, which appeared in the November issue of the *Newsletter*, several of the constituent societies and the Council itself adopted resolutions in support of the request made by the Librarian of Congress for funds to make possible the acquisition of publications of other countries, with foreign currencies that have accumulated under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act.

The Librarian of Congress requested a committee, which he had appointed, to prepare recommendations for the distribution of publications that may be acquired. Frederick Burkhardt serves as Chairman of this Committee and its other members are

Scott Adams

Program Director  
Office of Science Information Service  
National Science Foundation

David Clift

American Library Association

Pendleton Herring

Social Science Research Council

Robert B. Downs

Dean of Library Administration  
University of Illinois

(Mr. Downs has been out of the country and during his absence Mr. Edwin Williams of the Harvard University Libraries has replaced him on the Committee.)

This Committee obtained recommendations for distribution from experts on the areas from which publications may be acquired under Public Law 480 and transmitted them to the Librarian of Congress, who may find them useful in the appropriation hearings. These thoughtfully considered recommendations, though preliminary, indicate that the scholarly community is prepared to make effective use of the publications from foreign countries which will be available if funds for implementing the program are appropriated.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS TO BE OFFERED IN 1960-61

### PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The several programs of fellowships and grants carried on during the past year will continue in 1960-61. Full descriptions of the programs, with deadlines for receipt of applications, will be given in a forthcoming issue of the *Newsletter*.

There will be two general post-doctoral programs: Fellowships, with stipends in amounts up to \$7,000, intended primarily for the provision of free time, for scholars who will engage in research in the humanities; and Grants-in-Aid, in amounts up to \$2,000, to provide funds in support of humanistic research.

In addition to the general programs there will be grants for research on several areas, offered under the auspices of joint committees of the ACLS and the Social Science Research Council. Candidates for these grants must also have the doctorate or its equivalent. Two of these programs, for research on Asia and for Slavic and East European studies, will be administered by the ACLS; two, for research on Latin America and on the Near and Middle East, will be administered by the SSRC.

The ACLS will also offer grants for summer study in linguistics. The A.B. degree is a minimum requirement for these awards.

Candidates for Fellowships must not be over 45 years of age at the deadline date. There are no age limits for the other programs.

## COPYRIGHT LAW REVISION

The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress has nearly completed a series of studies of copyright legislation looking toward its revision. The Register of Copyrights has issued the following:

"All persons interested are invited to present to the Copyright Office, written statements of their views on any problems that they wish to have considered in a revision of the law. Such statements should be sent to my attention or that of Abe A. Goldman, Chief of Research, The Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C., not later than April 15, 1960.

ARTHUR FISHER  
Register of Copyrights"

## THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

The American Council of Learned Societies is a private non-profit federation of thirty national scholarly organizations concerned with the humanities and the humanistic aspects of the social sciences.

The object of the American Council of Learned Societies, as set forth in its constitution, is "the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies."

The Council was organized in 1919 and incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1924. Its principal support comes from the philanthropic foundations, supplemented, on occasion, by government contracts for specific enterprises.

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